



Ralph Kenneth Donovan Sr

September 21, 1932 - June 27, 2017

Ralph Kenneth Donovan, Sr, age 84, passed away June 27, 2017. He was born to the late Patrick D. Donovan and Mattie Bishop Donovan on September 21, 1932 in Huntsville, TX. Ralph was a graduate of the Huntsville High School class of 1950. He then joined the United States Navy where he served proudly. Ralph spent many years working in the oilfield industry, construction and waste-water management for the state of Texas. He continued his education with attendance at Texas A&M for Waste-Water Certification. Those who knew him know he loved to tell stories and was always quick to tell a funny one. Ralph was a member of Cook Springs Baptist Church, American Legion Sam Houston Post – 95 Huntsville, and VFW Post 5871-Melvin White Post.

Ralph is survived by his sister, Patricia Alexander and husband Jim and sister, Donna Ashworth and husband Joe. He is also survived by his children Donna Crocker, Susan Short and husband Jim, Kathy Chisum and husband Henry, Julia Woods, Ralph Donovan, Jr. and wife Tammy, Brenda James and husband Mike, Patrick Donovan, step-children Eddie Sheffield and wife Debra, Shana Cross and husband Bill, Sheila Gaskins and husband Gene and Becky Martin Spelce and husband Don. Ralph is also survived by twenty-five grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and many cousins.

Ralph is preceded in death by the love of his life and wife, Dolores Dickey Donovan, his parents Patrick and Mattie Donovan, sister Nell Donovan, an

infant brother, sister Joyce Belt, daughter Janice Patton, an infant son, and three infant grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home on Thursday, June 29, 2017, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. The funeral service will be held at Cook Springs Baptist Church on Friday, June 30, 2017, at 10:00 AM under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Nichols officiating. Interment will follow at McAdams Cemetery. Pallbearers will be grandsons of Ralph and Dolores: JR Crocker, Jason Crocker, Ben Crocker, James Short, David Short, Joshua Chisum, Caleb Chisum, Christopher Chisum, William Woods, Matthew Woods, Sean Donovan, Devin Donovan, Michael James, Ethan Donovan, James Gaskins, Brian Gaskins, and Kenneth Montgomery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cook Springs Baptist Church 1936-A SH 75N, Huntsville, Texas 77320.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

McAdams Cemetery

1251 Fm 1696 Rd W
Crabbs Prairie, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **29**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Service

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cook Springs Baptist Church
1936 State Highway 75 N
Crabbs Prairie, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Kenneth Donovan Sr*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *On behalf of the Donovan Family, thank you all for the thoughts, prayers, anecdotes, well wishes and kind words for dad.*

Patrick Donovan - October 16, 2017 at 07:12 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.*

Mellicent Sikes Wiley & family



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - July 01, 2017 at 05:10 PM



Thank you.

Patrick Donovan - October 16, 2017 at 07:04 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Ralph Kenneth Donovan Sr.*



June 29, 2017 at 12:45 PM

BC

“ *Patrick and family
So sorry for your loss. I know hearts are breaking but heaven has
gained another angel and there are many who welcomed him home
Bill and Peggy Crabb*

Bill and Peggy Crabb - June 29, 2017 at 10:45 AM

PD

Thank you for the kind words.

Patrick Donovan - October 16, 2017 at 07:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Ralph Kenneth Donovan Sr.*



June 29, 2017 at 09:00 AM

SP

“ *Mr. Donovan was always such a joyful person. He always made
anyone he met to feel like he had known them always! He will be
missed greatly. May God give the family peace and comfort.*

Shirley Perry

Shirley Perry - June 29, 2017 at 07:51 AM

PD

Thank you.

Patrick Donovan - October 16, 2017 at 07:06 AM

JJ

“ *My prayers are with the family during this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Jeannine Jacoby - June 29, 2017 at 07:38 AM

PD

Thank you.

Patrick Donovan - October 16, 2017 at 07:06 AM

BS

“ *Heaven gained another angel. Ralph exemplified a true gentleman, loved his family, had a wonderful sense of humor and had lots of love to give. He will truly be missed.*



Becky and Don Spelce - June 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PD

Thank you. :)

Patrick Donovan - October 16, 2017 at 07:07 AM

BD

“ *So sorry to hear about Ralph! Our hearts and prayers are with all the family. Butch and Billie Donovan*

Billie Donovan - June 28, 2017 at 06:52 PM

PD

Thanks so much.

Patrick Donovan - October 16, 2017 at 07:07 AM

ES

“ *Ed Abd Deborah Sheffield lit a candle in memory of Ralph Kenneth Donovan Sr*



Ed abd Deborah Sheffield - June 28, 2017 at 03:50 PM

PD

Thank you.

Patrick Donovan - October 16, 2017 at 07:08 AM

BC

“ *Bill And Shana Cross lit a candle in memory of Ralph Kenneth Donovan Sr*



Bill and Shana Cross - June 28, 2017 at 02:59 PM

BC

Sending love and prayers to Donna, Susie, Kathy, Julie, Ralph Jr, Patrick and Brenda.

Bill and Shana Cross - June 28, 2017 at 03:01 PM

PD

Thank you.

Patrick Donovan - October 16, 2017 at 07:08 AM

GG

“ *Gene And Sheila Gaskins lit a candle in memory of Ralph Kenneth Donovan Sr*



Gene and Sheila Gaskins - June 28, 2017 at 01:08 PM

PD

Thank you.

Patrick Donovan - October 16, 2017 at 07:09 AM